

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-17 were present in the application and have been canceled herewith, and re-presented as new claims 18-29.

In the action of June 12, 2003, the Examiner requested to clarify the feature of the physical shape of the simulated camera input device.

However, considering a practical input device of the game machine, it is even enough that the input device with a glass instead of a lens, if it has a finder window and a shutter switch.

It may be good a box having a finder window and a shutter switch, which a lens is painted on the front of it. Also, applicant's invention is not limited to an input device with the features unique to a single-lens reflex camera.

The claims presented herein include the following limitations to the input device:

- (i) comprising a window (viewfinder)
- (ii) comprising a shutter switch
- (iii) comprising an input device separating from a display device displaying game screen, and it is variable its relative positional relation between the input device and the game screen.

Applicants respectfully submit that it is effective to overcome the Examiner's objection that he equates the simulated camera input device with the game boy with camera.

The new claims presented herein are discussed briefly. New claim 18 includes elements from prior claims 1 - 4. That is, the new claim 18 has (a) a simulated camera input device, (b) a display device for displaying game screen, (c) a photo shooting position detection mechanism for detecting as a photo shooting position a position on the game screen at which the input device is pointed, (d) a game operation section.

The game operation section has (d-1) an image generating unit for generating image data of the game screen to be displayed on the display device, (d-2) a photographed image extraction unit for cutting off an image from image data, and the extracted image is less than the entire displayed screen, (d-3) a photographing judgment unit for making judgment of whether or not tasks are achieved by comparing the display position of target included in the game screen with the photo shooting position.

New claim 18 includes image extraction unit, and it is respectfully submitted that this is effective to define the difference between applicants' invention and the traditional gun shooting game.

New claims 19-21 and 22-24 correspond somewhat to canceled claims 5-7, 9-11, but are modified to properly depend on the new claim 18.

New claim 25 is an independent claim relating to the combination of the position detecting by making the display device to emit light and image extraction.

New claim 26 is an independent claim relating to the photographing game processing method.

New claim 27 is an independent claim relating to the information storage medium.

New claim 28 relates to position detecting by making the display device to emit light, and is a dependent claim of claim 27.

New claim 29 corresponds to elements of canceled claim 16 and is a dependent claim of claim 23.

These new claims are respectfully submitted to be patentable. Comparing the Examiner's citation documents, applicants respectfully believe the new claims are patentable in the detecting a position and extracting game image around the detected position.

For examples, Igarashi discloses a controller (input device) and a detection of a coordinate of a monitor made to emit light. Tanaka discloses the game-boy with camera, and it is merely addition of the photographing function. Therefore,

there is no relation between the game contents and the photo shooting with the camera.

Yoshida discloses that when the position of a gun controller is changed, the display position in the entire screen is changed according to the gun controller.

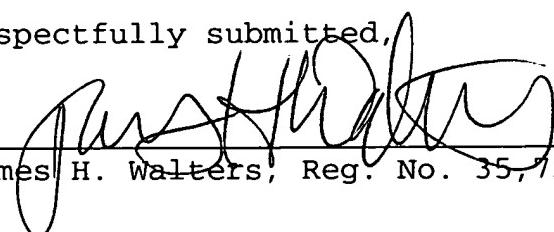
Even with the combination of the citation documents, it would not product applicants' claimed invention comprising making judgment based on the detected photo shooting position and an extracting image.

The new claims all include elements that were previously recited and disclosed and therefore no new matters are introduced.

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In light of the above noted claims and remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

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